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SUBJECT:FORD TO LAUGERUD LETTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO  
PRESIDENT LAUGERUD. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.  
ORIGINAL IS DATED APRIL 7, 1976.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DELIVERED TO ME YOUR LETTERS OF  
FEBRUARY 24 CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE US GEOLOGICAL  
SURVEY IN GUATEMALA AND THE SHIPPING DISPUTE BETWEEN DELTA  
STEAMSHIP LINES AND FLOTA MERCANTE GRAN CENTROAMERICANA.

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF  
THE WORK DONE BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.ITS PRELIMINARY  
REPORT WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 10, AND A FULL SCIENTIFIC  
REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF APRIL. I

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DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO ENSURE THAT THESE

REPORTS BE PROMPTLY DELIVERED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT BY OUR EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA CITY. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S WORK WILL PROVE OF ASSISTANCE IN YOUR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT.

CONCERNING THE DELTA-FLOMERCA DISPUTE, I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER. OUR EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS REPORTED TO ME THE DETAILS OF HIS VISIT TO GUATEMALA AND HAS DESCRIBED THE COURAGEOUS WAY IN WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE COPING WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKES. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN GUATEMALA'S VALIANT EFFORTS TO REBUILD ITS COUNTRY AFTER THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

SINCERELY, S/ GERALD R. FORD

HIS EXCELLENCY, KJELL LAUGERUD GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA CITY. END QUOTE.

2. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. SISCO

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